

Act No. 9 (H.256). Housing; landlord and tenant; fair housing and public accommodations

An act relating to disposal of property following an eviction, and fair housing and public accommodations

Sec. 1 of this act amends Title 12 to clarify when a landlord may dispose of personal property that is left behind following an eviction. In most instances, this act permits a landlord to dispose of any personal property remaining in the leased premises 15 days after a writ of possession was served on the tenant or when the landlord is legally restored to possession of the premises, whichever occurs later. In a case where a tenant is evicted from a lot in a mobile home park because the tenant failed to comply with an order to pay his or her rent into Court, this act permits the landlord to dispose of any personal property remaining on the leased premises 40 days after a writ of possession is served on the tenant or when the landlord is legally restored to possession of the lot, whichever occurs later.

Sec. 1 of this act also amends Title 12 to provide that, when the Court has temporarily stayed the writ of possession, the landlord may dispose of any personal property remaining in the leased premises one day after he or she is legally restored to possession of the premises.

Sec. 2 of this act amends the prohibition against retaliation in the Vermont Fair Housing and Public Accommodations Act to expand the list of prohibited retaliatory activities to include coercion, threats, and interference against an individual engaged in a protected activity; and to expand the list of protected activities to include the exercise or enjoyment of a right granted or protected by the Vermont Fair Housing and Public Accommodations Act.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on April 16, 2015